

Media Release

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YCSO Seeking Whereabouts of Missing Man

Deputies are hoping to locate 69-year-old Las Vegas resident Edward "Ed" Cox. Mr. Cox was last seen by an unrelated person driving his blue Buick Regal sedan north on Forest Road 24 (north of Cave Creek, Arizona), towards Forest Road 269 (aka Bloody Basin Road) on May 11, 2015. YCSO was not contacted until May 17, 2015, when deputies were dispatched to an abandoned vehicle call involving the Buick Regal which was located on Bloody Basin Road approximately 6 miles west of the Verde River - near the Sheep's Bridge. The front driver's side tire was flat and no one was around the car. There was no evidence of foul play or a distress based incident.

After determining that Cox was the vehicle owner, deputies attempted to locate him in the surrounding area without success. Over the next 48-hours, YCSO deployed its Rescue 1 Helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, and ground searchers but could not locate Mr. Cox. Family members and Las Vegas law enforcement were contacted and asked to check last known addresses, including a hotel room identified from paperwork discovered in the car. Cox could not be found and his family had no idea why he would travel out of state. Family members did note Cox has had bouts with manic depression in the past and takes associated medications. It is unknown if he has those medications in his possession.

Follow-up has included contact with area hospitals and a review of bank records to ascertain any use of credit cards since May 11th. No hospital connections were discovered and credit cards have not been used recently. His cell phone has been off since May 10, 2015.

If anyone has information or had contact with Mr. Cox, please call the Sheriff's Office at 928-771-3260 immediately.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov



Ed Cox, 69, gray hair,
blue eyes, 5' 8" tall and
about 185 pounds –
clothing is unknown